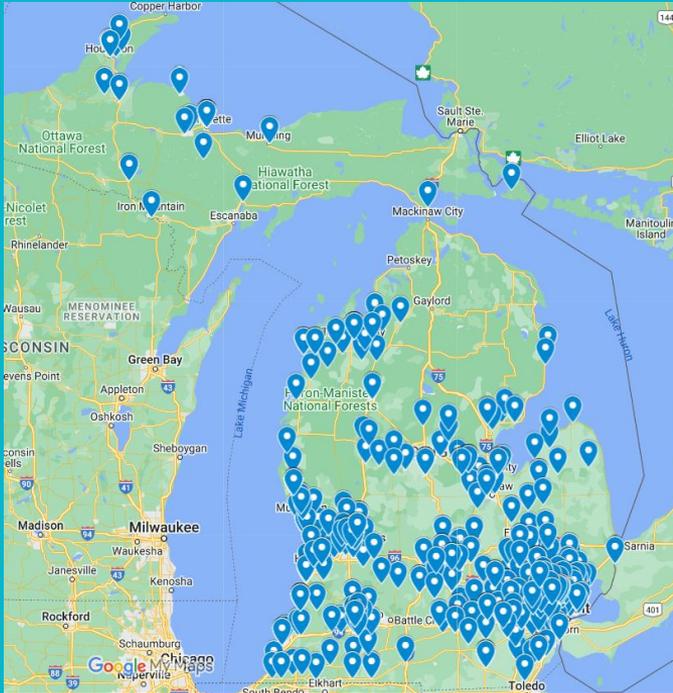


# Voters Not Politicians

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*“All political power is inherent in the people”*

Jamie Lyons-Eddy, Deputy Director



## Voters Not Politicians is:

- Grassroots, nonpartisan
- Driven by volunteers across Michigan
- Committed to making government work for the people
- Strong, sustained, and active

***Our mission is to strengthen democracy by engaging people across Michigan in effective citizen action.***

## We Began by Ending Gerrymandering

- Everyday Michiganders across the state came together to end the political manipulation of district maps
- 6,500 volunteers collected 428,000 signatures and knocked 465,000 doors
- Proposal 18-2 passed with 61% of the vote
- VNP stayed to ensure successful implementation through community engagement and legal protection



## We Are a Pro-Democracy Organization

- Protecting voting access at scale in coalition with partners and local government
- Educating voters on structural and systemic reforms we need to strengthen democracy
- Elevating democracy to a top “voting issue” for voters
- Endorsing pro-voter candidates and informing voters of candidates’ stances on democracy issues
- Empowering voters to participate in local and state government
- Rapidly mobilizing citizens for in-district campaigns
- **Sustaining a volunteer army that leads successful statewide ballot initiatives**
  - 170,000+ volunteer signatures to put Proposal 22-2 on the ballot
  - Field campaign including 125,000+ door knocks to ensure 22-2 passed

# Voters Not Politicians in 2023



- Grassroots implementation of Proposal 22-2
- Voter education and engagement
- Volunteer teams in every legislative district in Michigan
- Advocating for policies that put power in the hands of the people

# Policy Priorities

- Ethics and transparency
- Campaign finance reform
- **Free and fair elections**
  - ◆ Successful implementation of Proposal 22-2
  - ◆ Keep voters and election workers safe
  - ◆ Enact National Popular Vote
  - ◆ End prison gerrymandering
  - ◆ End county-level gerrymandering